

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: MARGARET OREHOWSKY, R.N.**  
**License No.: 0001-203433**

**ORDER**

In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was conducted on behalf of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on February 22, 2012, in Henrico County, Virginia. Margaret Orehowsky, R.N., was present and was not represented by legal counsel. Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On May 16, 2012, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Orehowsky was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel.

Based upon its review of the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the following Order.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Margaret Orehowsky, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-203433 to practice professional nursing in Virginia on August 29, 2006. The license is scheduled to expire on August 31, 2012. Ms. Orehowsky's primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. By letter dated January 27, 2012, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Orehowsky notifying her that an informal conference would be held on February 22, 2012. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 12 Hansom Drive, Poquoson, Virginia, 23662, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The Notice was also sent to 1109 Killington Arch, Chesapeake, Virginia, 23320, a secondary address.
3. During the course of her employment with Bon Secours Mary Immaculate Hospital, Newport

News, Virginia:

a. On May 29, 2011 at 8:19 p.m. and on May 30, 2011 at 7:35 p.m., Ms. Orehowsky withdrew 2-mg doses of Dilaudid (hydromorphone – Schedule II) for Patient A. Ms. Orehowsky documented the wastage of 1 mg on each occasion but failed to document the administration of the two doses of Dilaudid. Ms. Orehowsky documented administering the medication more frequently than per the order of every four hours PRN.

b. On May 15, 2011 at 7:40 p.m., Ms. Orehowsky withdrew 2 mg of Dilaudid for Patient B and documented administering the medication to Patient B more frequently than ordered.

c. On or about May 16, 2011, Ms. Orehowsky withdrew 2 mg of Dilaudid for Patient D at 9:54 p.m., and failed to document the administration, return or wastage of the medication.

d. On or about May 9, 2011, at 7:57 p.m., Ms. Orehowsky withdrew a 1-mg dose of Dilaudid for Patient E, documented the wastage of 0.8 mg, and failed to account for the administration, return or wastage of the remaining medication.

4. Ms. Orehowsky stated at the informal conference that she believed it was allowable to give medications up to one hour before to one hour after the prescribed time. Therefore, she gave medications more frequently than ordered. She admitted that her documentation was poor and needed improvement. She denied diverting any medication.

5. Ms. Orehowsky does not take any medication currently. She reported at the informal conference the occasional use of alcohol.

6. The facility reported that there were no signs of impairment.

7. Ms. Orehowsky's employment was terminated on June 30, 2011, for inappropriate documentation. Her for-cause employment-related drug screen was negative.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Findings of Fact 3(a) through 3(d) constitute a violation of § 54.1-3007(5) of the Code.

**ORDER**

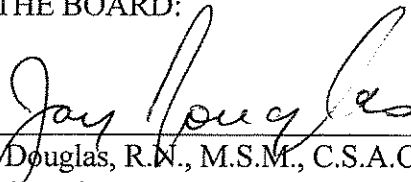
WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. Margaret Orehowsky, R.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Orehowsky shall provide the Board with verification that she has completed the following NCSBN online courses within 30 days of entry of the Order: *Documentation: A Critical Aspect of Client Care* and *Medication Errors: Detection & Prevention*.
3. Ms. Orehowsky shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a professional nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.
4. Any violation of the terms and conditions of this Order or of any law or regulation affecting the practice of nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall constitute grounds for the suspension or revocation of the license of Ms. Orehowsky and an administrative proceeding shall be convened to determine whether such license shall be suspended or revoked.

Pursuant to § 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Ms. Orehowsky may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on **June 26, 2012**, notify Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, in writing that he/she desires a formal administrative hearing before the Board. Upon the filing with the Executive Director of a request for the hearing, this Order shall be vacated.

FOR THE BOARD:



Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C.  
Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: May 24<sup>th</sup> 2012

This Order shall become final on **June 26, 2012**; unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.